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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Licensure Requirements for Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information concerning the process for licensure of the proposed Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) program. Providers interested in operating an SACOT program are required to have a license in place pursuant to G.S. § 122C-3 (14)(b). Proposed administrative rules are posted on the Division website for SACOT. However, there is a temporary waiver process in place to obtain licensure until these rules are approved. Please share this information with your staff, substance abuse providers and other interested parties.

Process for Licensure of SACOT as a Day Treatment Service

I. Agencies Who Are Currently Licensed Under .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders

The Division of Facility Services has approved the following process for converting a 10A NCAC 27G .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders for the purpose of providing SACOT services. This process includes a waiver for the structured program of treatment requirement for day treatment [10A NCAC 27G .3703 (b)].

- A facility licensed under 10A NCAC 27G .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders will need to submit a letter to the Director of the Division of Facility Services to request a waiver for the structured program of treatment under 10A NCAC 27G .3703 (b). The rationale is to allow the waiver based on the fact that the SACOT program offers a higher more intense level of treatment than .3700 Day Treatment Services, and allows for transition to fewer hours per individual per week than traditional day treatment.



- This waiver may not exceed the expiration date of the current 10A NCAC 27G .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders license and, therefore, would be subject to renewal consideration upon request of the licensee.

II. Agencies Who Are Not Licensed Under .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders

Agencies who are not currently licensed under 10A NCAC 27G .3700 Day Treatment Facility for Individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders category will need to submit an application for the .3700 license and include a letter to the Director of the Division of Facility Services to request a waiver for the structured program of treatment under 10A NCAC 27G .3703 (b).

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